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clamped on a support with compressive forces in at least two directions so that the number of the clamping tools required for a given task can be reduced by one half compared to the number that is required when conventional clamping tools are used. —

Please insert the following paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 31:

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— In one exemplary embodiment, the bar system 8 includes a first swivel connection 21 for pivotally journaling one end of the activation bar 10 in the base 6 while the other end of the activation bar 10 is free and serves as handle 11 of the clamping tool. A rocking bar 12 is pivotally journaled in the base 6 via a second swivel connection 22 which is nearer to the clamp shoes 19, 20, than the first swivel connection 21. The other end of the rocking bar 12 is pivotally journaled in the clamping bar 9 via a third swivel connection 23. A first toggle joint 13 has a first joint 14 which is pivotally journaled in the clamping bar 9 via a fourth swivel connection 24, located farther from the clamp shoes 19, 20 than the third swivel connection 23. The other end of the first joint 14 is pivotally journaled in the activation bar 10 via a fifth swivel connection 25. The first toggle joint 13 also has a second joint 15 consisting of the part of the activation bar 10 that is extending from the fifth swivel connection 25 to the first swivel connection 21. A second toggle joint 16 has a first joint 17 which at one end is pivotally journaled in the rocking bar 12 and/or clamping bar 9 via a sixth swivel connection 26, and at the other end is pivotally journaled in the activation bar 10 via a seventh swivel connection 27. When the clamping tool is in the locking position, the seventh swivel connection 27 is nearer the clamp shoes 19, 20 than the first swivel connection 21 and the fifth swivel connection 25. The second toggle joint also includes a second joint 17 consisting of the part of the activation bar 10 that is extending between the seventh swivel connection 27 and first swivel connection 21. —

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A marked up version of the amended claims, including revisions and insertions, is attached as Appendix B. A complete set of currently pending claims, reflecting these amendments, is attached as Appendix C.